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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MBFR: DECEMBER 17 SPC DISCUSSION OF VERIFICATION

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REF: STATE 245599

SUMMARY: SPC HAD LINE-BY-LINE REVIEW OF LATEST IS DRAFT *USNATO 6102) ON VERIFICATION AND MADE SOME LIMITED REVISIONS. U.S. REP SAID HE DID NOT YET HAVE INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS DRAFT. ON BASIS OF DECEMBER 17 DISCUSSION, IS WILL PREPARE NEW VERSION, WHICH SPC WILL REVIEW ON JANUARY 14. END SUMMARY.

1. PRINCIPAL POINTS TO EMERGE FROM SPC DISCUSSION WERE AS FO LOWS*

A. WARNING TIME--UK FAVORED DROPPING DISTINCTION BETWEEN POLITICAL AND MILITARY WARNING TIME (PARA 6(G)), SINCE IT WAS DIFFICULT TO MAKE ANY VALID DISTINCTION. MC REP COMMENTED THAT THERE WAS AN MBFR WORKING GROUP STUDY UNDERWAY ON MILITARY WARNING TIME.
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B. STAFFING OF INSPECTORATES (PARA 10)-- U.S. REP DREW ON PARA 3 REFTEL.

C. VERIFICATION OF PRE-REDUCTION FORCE LEVELS (PARA 16)--

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FRG REP RESERVED HIS POSITION, PENDING FURTHER REVIEW ON BONN.

D. PERMANENCE OF INSPECTORATES (PARAS 17 AND 18)--FRG REP OPPOSED IDEA OF PERMANENT INSPECTORATES.

E. VERIFICATION OF STABILIZING MEASURES (PARA 19)--U.S. REP EXPRESSED HIS OPPOSITION TO SEPARATE VEFIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THESE MEASURES AND SAID THAT HE MAY BE PUTTING FORWARD ALTERNATIVE WORDING WHEN MORE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED.

F. CROSSING POINTS (PARA 21)--UK REP EXPANDED SCOPE OF THIS MEASURE SIGNIFICANTLY. HE ADDED "OR OTHER EXIT POINTS," SO THAT PHRASE IN SUBPARA 21(A) READS " RAIL CROSSING OR OTHER EXIT POINTS."

G. CONCLUSIONS ON OBSERVATION POSTS/MOBILE TEAMS (PARA 31) AND OPEN SKIES (PARA 46)--FRG FAVORED A WATERED DOWN VERSION, UK A MORE DEMANDING VERSION OF EACH CONCLUSION. DIFFERENCES WILL BE EXPRESSED IN ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS.

H. MLM'S AND MILITARY ATTACHES--THERE WAS NO RPT NO SUPPORT FOR RETAINING THESE MEASURES.

2. ON BASIS OF DISCUSSION, IS WILL PRODUCE A NEW DRAFT, WHICH SPC WILL DISCUSS ON JANUARY 14. WE WILL TRANSMIT NEW DRAFT AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.
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